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I can say, honestly: I have never hated anyone in my whole life! For the very life of me, I can't hate, or even dislike people very much personally. But I can, and do, hold some in various degrees of contempt; meaning vile and mean, or of no essential account. Hatred means bearing hostility toward—harmful to others, too.

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Squirrels Tell State The Trees to Plant

ALLEGAN.—Half a dozen captive fox squirrels at Swan Creek wildlife experiment station, eating their fill of acorns daily, are helping to determine what kind of oak trees the Conservation Department will include in its future planting programs.

The winter acorn feeding studies are now in their second season. To date they have revealed that squirrels fed on white oak and black oak acorns are able to maintain themselves in good condition.

Red oaks, however, rate very

poorly with game men. They provide few den trees and squirrels feed exclusively on their acorns lose weight and die. A few red oak acorns may have a special value as they have been observed to have a strong cathartic effect.

Better For Russia
Five per cent of the nation's butter supply will be shipped to Russia this year, as against only one per cent last year.

Dehydrated Tea
Londoners are being introduced to a new drink, dehydrated tea. Experts say that it makes a refreshing drink with a different tang.

Bits of Birmingham

Monday marked the start of a new high registration—point of rationing.

This Wanderer uses that word "registration" in a non-critical sense, however, for he believes that rationing is a necessity, and sees little justification for any feeling at this time.

If people don't know how it functions, it's their own fault, for the newspapers have outlined themselves in setting up vast quantities of space in an educational program.

Correction: In last week's paper, a typographical error made it appear that your ABC and D Blue stamps are good in March. This is correct except for the D stamps, which are NOT good in March. Thanks—to you eagle-eyed readers who brought this to our attention.

One harassed grocer did not bother to fix up a fancy sign prohibiting the sale of beans last week. In the bin, he sneerily put a little sign, "No."

If Birmingham police give you a traffic ticket, there seems to be no way of escaping it (unless the Chief voids it). An out-of-control car was arrested in 1940 for speeding and never bothered to come in, so the police here reported the matter to Lansing. When this careless gentleman went to renew his operator's license, he discovered that he could not do so until he settled that ticket, which he did, of course.

Emery Lee Duncan, Pontiac, and Wilfred Lee, Detroit, were arrested last week for speeding, the former for doing 55 and the latter for 50.

According to a police report, Mrs. E. E. Stephens, 1120 North Woodward, lost a wristwatch on Feb. 26. She was not quite sure where it was dropped.

While on the same subject, we would like to state that the owner of the fact that a sack containing two pairs of work shoes and some pants had been found by a local resident. The owner may claim the same by phoning 3447.

Tom Duncan, of Pine Lake Country Club, recently broke his leg.

Fred Avery, of Tucker road, near Birmingham, was grabbed at an early hour last Thursday, in front of two Negro girls who were in zoot suits and wide brimmed hats. They took his billfold. Pontiac police are said to be concerned about the activities of this zoot suit gang.

Hazel Park's City Council passed a resolution last week asking that the OPA set up a separate rationing board for Southern Oakland County, so that it would be more efficient and more responsive to the needs of the area. Arthur H. Sarvis, OPA director for Detroit, said a decision would be made soon by his office.

A lone selectee took the train for Fort Custer and the friend who came to see him off was pleased to see the gifts of candy and cigarettes provided by the club. "Here's a dollar for the cause," the onlooker said as he fished a bill out of his pocket. Mrs. R. E. Watt read of the MOMS in thanking him through this column, for she does not know his name.

Two youths 14 years old broke into the Derby in both directions in Birmingham last Thursday. Police found a couple of bullet holes in the windows and in the field near by, they discovered two .22 caliber rifles. Additional sleuthing next day resulted in the arrest of the boys, and the confession by one of them that he had four revolvers at home, all of which were unregistered and therefore confiscated. Because they are juveniles, The Eccentric withholds their names!

One of our subscribers phoned us Saturday, two days after an incident in a local hairdresser's establishment, "I wanted to say a word about you," she said. It was explained that she had been 10 minutes late for a 9 a.m. appointment. After her haircut, the proprietor charged her \$1.50 when \$1 had been agreed on previously, and then drew a rage when the overcharge was questioned. The row grew worse and worse until finally the customer was ordered out of the shop. She said she planned to report the proprietor to the OPA, so more may come of it.

The Birmingham Theatre, during the month of February, sold \$17,650 worth of bonds and \$607.95 worth of stamps for a total of \$18,257.95—a mighty fine record. During the month of March, purchasers of bonds will get tickets for the "Birmingham Bondwagon" show to be held April 9 and 10 at the high school.

Does anyone hereabouts know the present address of Major Pen. Noel Wollaston, who is on service some where with the Coast Artillery? A friend wants to write him.

The other day some youngsters put a ladder in a tree near the A. T. Louis home, 807 "Inewood,

in order to extricate their kite. They then went away and forgot the ladder. So, if yours is missing, you now know where to look for it, for Mr. Louis rescued it.

There is no particularly heavy demand for tin and aluminum foil, unless you recognize the two foils, plus the appearance of lead foil, and have kept all three separate. Several citizens have been making collections, and this may be sent to the Defense Service Center, where a shipment is being made up. Do not send other types of salvaged material to the Center, however. The library will take your pieces of bronze, copper and brass, brass keys and old copper engraving plates.

Elmer Meeker, his brother Randolph, and his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy are back from Lameta Field, Texas, where they were employed at the glider pilot school there. The school has closed, and Elmer expects to go into the Army soon.

When you see youngsters with instrument cases hurrying to Hill School in the early dawn these days, you may know that rehearsal is in progress for the concert of the Baldwin band and orchestra on March 17. The program will range from light classical to modern numbers. Watch for the details next week. Mr. D. B. Ireland and Mr. Berndt are both going to attend the tea party which the mothers are having at 3 this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. Lloyd Kemper on Yarmouth Road.

Manager Howard Holah, of the Birmingham Theatre, announces: "Next week during the run of 'Sergeant York' and 'Abbott and Costello in 'Who Done It' we will have special arrangement of show every-dramatic-length of this program. Saturday and Sunday we will run continuing from 2 to 7 p.m. on Thursday Nights, one big show only starting at 7 p.m. with short subjects etc. 'Sergeant York' and 'Who Done It' starting 10 p.m. This arrangement will give our friends a chance to finish dinner and get here to see start of 'Sergeant York' at 7:45, see the details as he out at 10. If they desire, or stay on and see the rest of program and be out at 11:30."

The City Commission has ratified a contract which permits one-week garbage collection from Oct. 15 to April 15 in the residential districts. The idea is to save labor and tires.

R. F. Webber, 164 Baldwin, and Karl B. Lutz, 650 Riverview, have been appointed a public relations and educational committee of the Decontamination Corps. They will speak occasionally before groups which want to learn of control for poison gases.

A "dangerous" maple tree at 763 Ann street is to be removed by the City.

Choice of the name "Recreation Board" instead of "Commission" for the new recreation set-up was a good one. It removes confusion between that group and the City Commission. Further and incidentally, the phrase "Recreation Board" counts up to 15 characters, which means that when our staff uses the name in a headline, it will fit in our commonly-used 24-point heads. The old name was too long and therefore a headache to headline writers.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 27.— Friends and relatives of the late Mr. Fols that, while in his southern

city, he has been entertained by two Birmingham families. First, when he got here he was met by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martin, of Oakland avenue, who had been here a month, to see their eldest son, Lt. Kirk Martin, a combat pilot in the Air Forces; then perhaps somewhere else; then the well-known Birminghamers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Packard. Frank has been here since last August as superintendent for Albert Kahn's firm, building a huge plant for the Consolidated Aircraft Corp.

For entertainment, the biggest thing down here is the race track, where some of the country's best horses are running. Now, folks, I'm not what you'd call a race horse man, although I do enjoy seeing them run; in all my life, I've seen all the great ones, including this one in New Orleans. Twice before I bet \$2 on a horse, and lost the four bucks. Mr. Martin really knows something about this funny business, so I ventured two dollars—and won an extra \$3.00! Well, to make three hours of horse racing short, I wound up by having selected five winners and three losers, net profit—\$17.50. Maybe ten years from now I'll lose another two dollars when I visit a race track. (Anybody who bets to make a living, I learn, generally has more than one patch on the back of his neck.)

Mr. John, who is training in the Air Forces here, and I had a nice dinner at the Packard's apartment one evening. Mrs. Packard, (Joyce, to many of you) is quite a fine cook—fried some Mexican trout (fillets on us... yum, yum, yum). Then John and I entered the ground floor of the Packard's apartment. We discovered a series of white papers, shaped like the bottoms of the Packard's shoes, scattered all over the floor. They were to follow them up to their suite (just one of Mrs. Packard's bubbling over-over-dramatic-complaints). And folks, if you really want to learn what a nice community Birmingham is, just ask Mr. Martin and the Packards when next you see them. Living in this teeny city has impressed them with that.

Charles DeLongchamp, of 908 Chapin, sold a billfold containing \$22 and his military papers while attending the Birmingham Theatre Saturday. He has already left town, but hopes to get back the papers, at least.

Ask City Commission Pay for Damage

A letter from Miss Adeline Cooke, City librarian, was read at the City Commission meeting Monday night in which she asked reimbursement for damages to her car. Her machine was damaged Feb. 2 as she drove east on Vesper; it was struck by a city truck going south on Eton (at the railroad station) driven by Mark G. Dance, superintendent of public works. The loss was listed at \$72. Miss Cooke wrote: "It is my contention that the City is responsible for the safety of its citizens to the extent of marking blind crossings." She added that the City's insurance company declined to accept liability. The commission referred the matter back to the insurers.

MARGINAL PRICE HOUGHTON

—If an increase in the price of copper were permitted, several companies would reopen mines and increase production, according to Kendrick R. Lovell, of Calumet and Hecla Consolidated Copper company, who speaks this afternoon at 8:15 at Michigan rail stations on the conservation department radio program conducted by the "Sportsman's Guild."

Army's Ray Gun



Research engineer L. F. Ehpk of the Westinghouse laboratory examines one of the new 300,000-volt X-ray tubes the Army will use to photograph bullets penetrating armor plate—in 1,000-1,000th of a second.

Cadets, Move Forward!

By LILLIAN DIEDERICH
These individuals—and there are many such—complain about the injustice of the income tax and the hardships imposed upon them by food rationing, a word.

If they could follow the paths into homes made desolate by the absence of youth, and shadow the steps of parents, wives, and sweethearts whose loved ones have gone to defend the freedom of the nation, their lips would be sealed upon some murmuring.

An early morning visit, as an onlooker at any railroad depot in any city, would reveal scenes such as these:

300 youthful army cadets, grips in hand, were gathered together, standing in small groups, waiting. Their young faces were bright with suppressed emotions, almost childlike in appeal. Mostly they were trying to listen to the tender advice given them by their relatives, but their ears were tuned, waiting for commands soon to come from their superior officers—orders to move on.

Standing close to the boys were their parents. Their faces saddened, though they smiled bravely. They, too, were listening, listening to catch and record every word falling from the lips of their beloved ones—their little boys grown tall, off for war! Older boys were there, too, small grays in hand, striving to cheer young men whose names were of great importance to them. Brave little women, these, standing close to their enlisted men! Their only comfort lay beneath their stricken hearts!

"Cadets, move forward!" Form up! Move on! Advance! They came the brisk order from an M. P. Quickly, as though already accustomed to military orders, they moved and disappeared from the station, extending through the station and across the tracks. They advanced and disappeared from the crowd which surged forward about the men as though to hold them. Strong arms of the law held them back and often reprimanded those who clung to the boys, delaying progress.

Not a few mothers sobbed audibly as the line moved by. They stood in the eyes of the fathers. The more reserved smiled grimly, the muscles of their jaws working nervously, as they forged their way forward.

Slowly in little detached groups the crowd broke up and drifted home—to homes quiet of different note. To houses full of quiet. To places of memories. To places that will meet the victory tax... with prayers.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

OLIVER H. KIRK, Attorney-at-Law, Birmingham, Michigan.

Stay Out of Debt, Farmers Advised

If a farmer has cash or available credit, he should be about using that money and still be safe from danger of a post-war deflation?

Some sound advice has been offered Michigan farmers by L. H. Brown, of the Michigan State College farm management department.

"Stay out of debt in the present situation," says Brown. If money is to be invested and yet give full value later when prices may fall, then he suggests investments in modern home conveniences, education, art, music, sensible farm investment and War Bonds.

WAR CALLS FOR WOOD
White oak, red oak and American elm are needed for boat building for war use. Yellow birch and maple veneer are used in airplane construction. One warning by Ira, Bull, Michigan State College extension forester, tells farm woodlot owners it is not necessary to clean out woodlots just to be patriotic.

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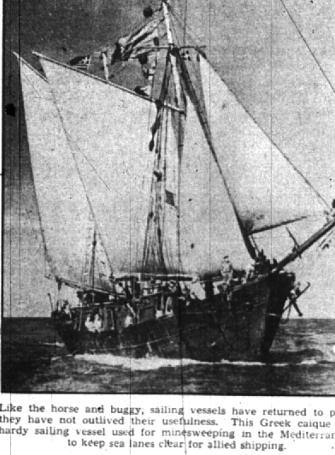
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